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June 17, 2019

Mr. Robert Towle, Operations Foreman New Mexico Water Service Company 401 Horner Street Belen, New Mexico 87002

RE: New Mexico Water Service Company; Rio Del Oro Wastewater Treatment Facility; Minor Facility; NPDES Permit No. NM0030414; NPDES Compliance Evaluation Inspection; June 4, 2019

Dear Mr. Towle:

Enclosed please find a copy of the report and check list for the referenced inspection that the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) conducted at your facility on behalf of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). This inspection report will be sent to the USEPA in Dallas for their review. These inspections are used by USEPA to determine compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting program in accordance with the requirements of the federal Clean Water Act.

Further explanations are provided with the check list and discuss issues that should be addressed. The introduction and treatment scheme are also included with this inspection report.

You are encouraged to review the inspection report, required to correct any issues noted during the inspection, and advised to modify your operation and/or administrative procedures as appropriate. If you have comments on or concerns with the basis for the findings in the NMED inspection report, please contact us (see address below) in writing within 30 days from the date of this letter. Further, you are encouraged to notify in writing USEPA and NMED regarding modifications and compliance schedules at the address below:

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David Long (<u>Long.David@epa.gov</u>) is USEPA Region 6's NPDES Enforcement Coordinator at the above address. If you have any questions about this inspection report, please contact Sandra Gabaldon at 505-827-1041 or <u>Sandra.gabaldon@state.nm.us</u>

Sincerely,

/s/ Sarah Holcomb

Sarah Holcomb, Program Manager Point Source Regulation Section Surface Water Quality Bureau

Cc: Carol Peters-Wagnon, USEPA (6EN-WM via email David Long, USEPA (6EN-WM) via email Nancy Williams, USEPA (6EN-WC) via email Amy Andrews, USEPA (6EN-WM) via email David Esparza, USEPA (6EN-WM) via email Brent Larson, USEPA (6WQ-PP) via email John Rhoderick, Manager, District I via email

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/s/ Sarah Holcomb Sarah Holcomb, Program Manager								NMED/SWQB/(505) 827-2897/(505) 827-0160										June 17, 2019												

New Mexico Water Service Company – Rio Del Oro	PERMIT NO. NM0030414
SECTION A – PERMIT VERIFICATION	
PERMIT SATISFACTORILY ADDRESSES OBSERVATIONS M S M U D NA (FURTHER ED) DETAILS:	EXPLANATION ATTACHED <u>NO</u>)
1. CORRECT NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF PERMITTEE	⊠ y □ n □ na
2. NOTIFICATION GIVEN TO EPA/STATE OF NEW DIFFERENT OR INCREASED DISCHARGES	□ Y □ N ⊠ NA
3. NUMBER AND LOCATION OF DISCHARGE POINTS AS DESCRIBED IN PERMIT	⊠ y □ n □ na
4. ALL DISCHARGES ARE PERMITTED	⊠ y □ n □ na
SECTION B – RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING EVALUATION	
RECORDS AND REPORTS MAINTAINED AS REQUIRED BY PERMIT. S	EXPLANATION ATTACHED <u>NO</u>)
1. ANALYTICAL RESULTS CONSISTENT WITH DATA REPORTED ON DMRs.	⊠y □ n □ na
2. SAMPLING AND ANALYSES DATA ADEQUATE AND INCLUDE.	⊠s □ m □ u □ na
a) DATES, TIME(S) AND LOCATION(S) OF SAMPLING	⊠ y □ n □ na
b) NAME OF INDIVIDUAL PERFORMING SAMPLING	⊠ y □ n □ na
c) ANALYTICAL METHODS AND TECHNIQUES.	⊠ y □ n □ na
d) RESULTS OF ANALYSES AND CALIBRATIONS.	⊠ y □ n □ na
e) DATES AND TIMES OF ANALYSES.	⊠ y □ n □ na
f) NAME OF PERSON(S) PERFORMING ANALYSES.	⊠ y □ n □ na
3. LABORATORY EQUIPMENT CALIBRATION AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS ADEQUATE.	⊠s □m □u □na
4. PLANT RECORDS INCLUDE SCHEDULES, DATES OF EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR.	⊠s □m □u □na
5. EFFLUENT LOADINGS CALCULATED USING DAILY EFFLUENT FLOW AND DAILY ANALYTICAL DATA.	⊠ y □ n □ na
SECTION C – OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	
TREATMENT FACILITY PROPERLY OPERATED AND MAINTAINED. M U NA (FURTHER DETAILS:	R EXPLANATION ATTACHED NO.)
1. TREATMENT UNITS PROPERLY OPERATED.	⊠s □m □u □na
2. TREATMENT UNITS PROPERLY MAINTAINED.	⊠s □ m □u □ na
3. STANDBY POWER OR OTHER EQUIVALENT PROVIDED .	⊠s □ m □ u □ na
4. ADEQUATE ALARM SYSTEM FOR POWER OR EQUIPMENT FAILURES AVAILABLE.	⊠s □m □u □na
5. ALL NEEDED TREATMENT UNITS IN SERVICE	⊠s □ m □ u □ na
6. ADEQUATE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED OPERATORS PROVIDED.	⊠s □ m □u □ na
7. SPARE PARTS AND SUPPLIES INVENTORY MAINTAINED.	⊠s □m □u □na
8. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL AVAILABLE. STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES AND SCHEDULES ESTABLISHED. PROCEDURES FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT CONTROL ESTABLISHED.	⊠y□n□na ⊠y□n□na ⊠y□n□na

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SECTION C – OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE (CONT'D)	
9. HAVE BYPASSES/OVERFLOWS OCCURRED AT THE PLANT OR IN THE COLLECTION SYSTEM IN THE LAST YEAR? IF SO, HAS THE REGULATORY AGENCY BEEN NOTIFIED? HAS CORRECTIVE ACTION BEEN TAKEN TO PREVENT ADDITIONAL BYPASSES/OVERFLOWS?	□ y ⊠ n □ na □ y □ n ⊠ na □y □ n ⊠ na
10.HAVE ANY HYDRAULIC OVERLOADS OCCURRED AT THE TREATMENT PLANT? IF SO, DID PERMIT VIOLATIONS OCCUR AS A RESULT?	□ y ⊠ n □ na □ y □ n ⊠ na
SECTION D – SELF-MONITORING	
PERMITTEE SELF-MONITORING MEETS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. ☑ S ☐ M ☐ U ☐ NA (FURTHER EXPLICATION) DETAILS:	LANATION ATTACHED <u>NO</u>).
1. SAMPLES TAKEN AT SITE(S) SPECIFIED IN PERMIT.	⊠ y □ n □ na
2. LOCATIONS ADEQUATE FOR REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLES.	⊠ y □ n □ na
3. FLOW PROPORTIONED SAMPLES OBTAINED WHEN REQUIRED BY PERMIT.	⊠ y □ n □ na
4. SAMPLING AND ANALYSES COMPLETED ON PARAMETERS SPECIFIED IN PERMIT.	⊠ y □ n □ na
5. SAMPLING AND ANALYSES PERFORMED AT FREQUENCY SPECIFIED IN PERMIT.	⊠y □ n □ na
6. SAMPLE COLLECTION PROCEDURES ADEQUATE	⊠ y □ n □ na
a) SAMPLES REFRIGERATED DURING COMPOSITING.	⊠ y □ n □ na
b) PROPER PRESERVATION TECHNIQUES USED.	⊠ y □ n □ na
c) CONTAINERS AND SAMPLE HOLDING TIMES CONFORM TO 40 CFR 136.3.	⊠ y □ n □ na
7. IF MONITORING AND ANALYSES ARE PERFORMED MORE OFTEN THAN REQUIRED BY PERMIT, ARE THE RESULTS REPORTED IN PERMITTEE'S SELF-MONITORING REPORT?	□ y □ n ⊠ na
SECTION E – FLOW MEASUREMENT	
PERMITTEE FLOW MEASUREMENT MEETS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.	ANATION ATTACHED <u>NO</u>)
PRIMARY FLOW MEASUREMENT DEVICE PROPERLY INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED. TYPE OF DEVICE: Closed pipe	⊠y □ n □ na
2. FLOW MEASURED AT EACH OUTFALL AS REQUIRED.	⊠ y □ n □ na
3. SECONDARY INSTRUMENTS (TOTALIZERS, RECORDERS, ETC.) PROPERLY OPERATED AND MAINTAINED.	⊠ y □ n □ na
4. CALIBRATION FREQUENCY ADEQUATE. RECORDS MAINTAINED OF CALIBRATION PROCEDURES. CALIBRATION CHECKS DONE TO ASSURE CONTINUED COMPLIANCE.	\boxtimes Y \square N \square NA \boxtimes Y \square N \square NA \boxtimes Y \square N \square NA
5. FLOW ENTERING DEVICE WELL DISTRIBUTED ACROSS THE CHANNEL AND FREE OF TURBULENCE.	⊠ y □ n □ na
6. HEAD MEASURED AT PROPER LOCATION.	⊠y□n □na
7. FLOW MEASUREMENT EQUIPMENT ADEQUATE TO HANDLE EXPECTED RANGE OF FLOW RATES.	⊠y□n □na
SECTION F – LABORATORY	
PERMITTEE LABORATORY PROCEDURES MEET PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. S	ANATION ATTACHED <u>NO</u>)
1. EPA APPROVED ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES USED (40 CFR 136.3 FOR LIQUIDS, 503.8(b) FOR SLUDGES)	⊠ y □ n □ na

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SECTION F - LABORATORY (CONT'D)												
2. IF ALTERNATIVE ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES ARE USED, PROPER APPROVAL HAS BEEN OBTAINED												
3. SATISFACTORY O	⊠s □м □ u □ NA											
4. QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES ADEQUATE.												
5. DUPLICATE SAMPLES ARE ANALYZED. 10 % OF THE TIME.												
6. SPIKED SAMPLES ARE ANALYZED % OF THE TIME. ☐ Y ☐ N ☒ NA												
7. COMMERCIAL LABORATORY USED.												
LAB NAME Hall Environmental Analysis Laboratory, Inc Cove Environmental												
LAB ADDRESS 4901 Hawkins, NE; Albuquerque, NM 87109 3400 W. Lakeview Road; Stillwater, OK 74075												
PARAMETERS PERFORMED BOD; TSS; E. coli Biomonitoring												
SECTION G - EFI	FLUENT/RECEIVIN	G WATERS OBSER	VATIONS. ⊠	s □ m □ u □ nA	A (FURTHER EXPLANATIO	N ATTACHED <u>NO</u>).						
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RECEIVING WATER	RECEIVING WATER OBSERVATIONS: Facility currently going to re-use; no discharge to surface water.											
SECTION H - SLUDGE DISPOSAL												
SLUDGE DISPOSAL MEETS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. S												
1. SLUDGE MANAC	GEMENT ADEQUATE T	O MAINTAIN EFFLUEN	IT QUALITY.			⊠s□м□u□	□na					
2. SLUDGE RECOR	UDGE RECORDS MAINTAINED AS REQUIRED BY 40 CFR 503. ⊠ s											
3. FOR LAND APPL	IED SLUDGE, TYPE OF	LAND APPLIED TO: _S	Surface disposal Site (e	.g., FOREST, AGRICUL	ΓURAL, PUBLIC CONT.	ACT SITE)						
SECTION I - SAN	MPLING INSPECTION	ON PROCEDURES	(FURTHER EXPLANATIO	N ATTACHED).								
1. SAMPLES OBTAI	NED THIS INSPECTION	ī.				\square Y \square N	X NA					
2. TYPE OF SAMPLE	E OBTAINED											
GRAB COMPOSITE SAMPLE METHOD FREQUENCY												
3. SAMPLES PRESERVED. □ Y □ N □ NA												
4. FLOW PROPORT	IONED SAMPLES OBTA	AINED.				□y□n∣	□ NA					
5. SAMPLE OBTAIN	IED FROM FACILITY'S	SAMPLING DEVICE.				\square Y \square N	□ NA					
6. SAMPLE REPRES	SENTATIVE OF VOLUM	E AND MATURE OF DI	ISCHARGE.			□y□n□	□ NA					
7. SAMPLE SPLIT W	/ITH PERMITTEE.					□y□n∣	□ NA					
8. CHAIN-OF-CUST	ODY PROCEDURES EM	IPLOYED.				□у□п∣	□ NA					
9. SAMPLES COLLE	\square Y \square N \square	□ NA										

RIO DEL ORO WWTP COMPLIANCE EVALUATION INSPECTION NPDES Permit No. NM0030414 June 4, 2019

INTRODUCTION

A compliance evaluation inspection (CEI) was conducted at the Rio del Oro WWTP on June 4, 2019 by Sandra Gabaldón and Daniel Valenta of the State of New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB). This facility is a private domestic WWTP classified under the federal Clean Water Act (CWA), Section 402 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program and is assigned NPDES permit number NM0030414. The facility design flow is 0.3 million gallons a day (MGD).

The Rio del Oro WWTP discharges into La Canada de La Loma de Arena thence to La Constancia Ditch, thence to the Rio Grande in segment 20.6.4.105 (*NMAC State of New Mexico Standards for Interstate and Intrastate Surface Waters*). Designated uses of Segment 20.6.4.105 are irrigation, marginal warmwater aquatic life, livestock watering, public water supply, wildlife habitat and primary contact.

The NMED performs a certain number of CEI's annually for the United States Environment Protection Agency (USEPA). The purpose of this inspection is to provide the USEPA with information to evaluate the permittee's compliance with their NPDES permit. The enclosed inspection report is based on verbal information supplied by the permittee's representative, observations made by the NMED inspector, and a review of records maintained by the permittee, commercial laboratory, and/or NMED. Findings of the inspection are detailed on the attached EPA form 3560-3.

The inspectors arrived at the facility at 0943 hours and conducted an entrance interview with the on-site operator, Mr. Porfirio Baca. Sandra Gabaldon, lead inspector, showed her credentials to Mr. Baca and proceeded with the inspection.

TREATMENT SCHEME:

The Rio del Oro wastewater treatment facility is a membrane bioreactor.

Raw sewage is discharged into one of two (2) automatic fine bar screens (one on-line; one standby) that are provided with a common conveyor/washer/compactor (CWC). The CWC removes organics from the screenings and automatically dumps the washed and compacted screenings into a dumpster that is emptied at a landfill.

The influent from the bar screen discharges into the pre-air basin to be mixed with the activated sludge (mixed liquor suspended solids). Not only are BOD and TSS removed in the pre-aeration basin, nitrogen is also removed with alternating periods of aeration (nitrification) and anoxic mixing (denitrification).

Two (2) submersible pumps continuously pump the mixed liquor from the pre-aeration basin into each of the two (2) separate bioreactors. Each reactor is equipped with four (4) submerged membrane units (SM*) which have 200 flat plate filters in each unit. Facility effluent is withdrawn through the flat plate

membranes (filtered) by permeate pumps (two in line; one standby), disinfected with ultraviolet light, and discharged to a holding basin for irrigation reuse.

The excess mixed liquor suspended solids in the bioreactors automatically recycles back to the preaeration basin through telescoping valves. Waste activated sludge is removed from both bioreactors daily and is discharged into the sludge holding tank. Sludge is removed weekly from the holding tank and taken to the surface disposal site.

Air is supplied to the pre-aeration and bioreactor basins with two (2) separate aeration systems. Two (2) aeration blowers are provided for each system (one on line; one standby). The MBR is monitored and controlled by a programmable logic controller (PCL) that also provided supervisory control and data acquisition for alarm notification. Operator control is provided through a human-machine interface that is simply a PC located in the admin/lab building. In the event of a failure of the PLC, the facility can also be operated manually.

The facility has had numerous up-grades to the plant and continue to replace equipment prior to having any issues. This facility is well run and in excellent condition for its years of service.

SLUDGE MANAGEMENT:

The facility pumps sludge from the aerobic digester into a septage truck which hold approximately 2,000 gallons. From here, the sludge is surface disposed at a dedicated site approximately 4 miles from the facility. The sludge is surface disposed and incorporated into the soil approximately four hours after application.

New Mexico Water Service Company / Rio del Oro Membrane Bioreactor Treatment Facility

City/County: Tome / Valencia State: New Mexico

Location: Rio Del Oro

Subject: New Aerzen Blowers (2)



New Mexico Water Service Company / Rio del Oro Membrane Bioreactor Treatment Facility

City/County: Tome / Valencia State: New Mexico

Location: Rio Del Oro

Subject: Headworks with stainless steel bar screen

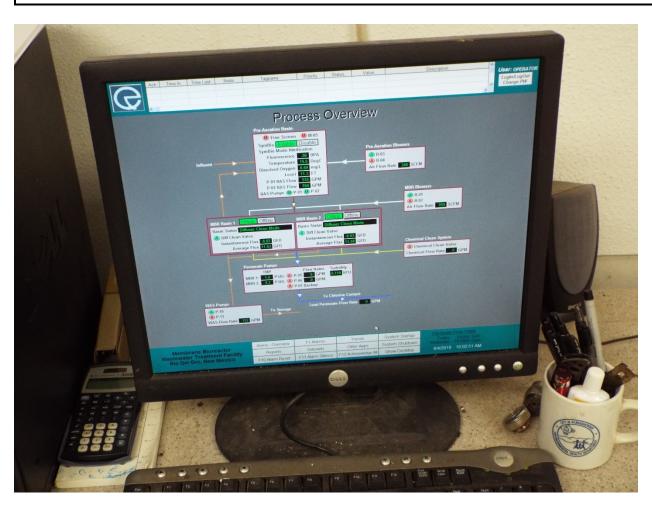


New Mexico Water Service Company / Rio del Oro Membrane Bioreactor Treatment Facility

City/County: Tome / Valencia State: New Mexico

Location: Rio Del Oro

Subject: Computer screen with overview of plant. New Computer will be installed in the next week.



New Mexico Water Service Company / Rio del Oro Membrane Bioreactor Treatment Facility

City/County: Tome / Valencia State: New Mexico

Location: Rio Del Oro

Subject: Membrane Bioreactor basins



New Mexico Water Service Company / Rio del Oro Membrane Bioreactor Treatment Facility

City/County: Tome / Valencia State: New Mexico

Location: Rio Del Oro

Subject: UV System

